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To whom it may concern;

Microsoft has severe power problems. They want to standardise the whole world, with the Microsoft Standard. This includes the way you listen to your music, the way you check your email, the way people play games.

In an ecosystem, where no diversity exists, it is common knowledge that the ecosystem will fail because of the limited tolerance of that system. Any introduction of diversity will strengthen the ecosystem, but to the detriment of the previous conformity.

Thus, diversities such as linux, opengl, macos all strengthen the world economic system but loosen Microsofts control on its abilities to make illegal monopololistic money. But with the illegal money Microsoft has made it can afford to crush all diversities and maintain a non-diverse system, where they can change the system with out opposition to generate as much money as they require to crush the next diversity that tries to enter their 'pond'.

Microsoft is consumer. It is consuming your rights. My rights. It will crush everything until soon all you can buy is Microsoft Ferarri and Microsoft Eggs and Microsoft Government. It needs to be stopped. It needs to be stripped of its illegal money. If not - do you think that wood you use to build your house will be from a non-microsoft mill?

And you might think that I am being abserd. Crazy. You probably think I am mad. But, while Microsoft has the power, and while there is a profit to be made, Microsoft will extend its reach to whatever it deems as profitable, be it web servers, operating systems, and crushing diversity.

You know how Microsoft needs to be delt with. They need to be stripped of their ability to maintain a monopoly. As soon as you allow diversity into the system, and deny Microsoft of the ability to crush this diversity, and force the system to create open standards of exchange and communication, the system will grow and expand more than it ever could have without diversity.

Your current settlement does do this to a certain extent, but not fully, as is required. Microsoft needs to be crushed as it has crushed others. Microsoft should be forced to pay compensation to companies such as Netscape that allow these companies to become fully competitive with Microsoft products.

And this is only one step that is required to restore partially the

current state of the system if Microsoft did not engage in illegal and monopolistic behaviour.

I hope that you have the strength to create a final settlement that changes the world for the better.

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